

THE CROASE HOUSE,

KINGSLAND,

April 15th, 1916.

MR. MAYOR AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to lay before you my report for the year ending December 31st, 1915. The Urban District of Leominster comprises the town and a small portion of surrounding country, in all 8,086 acres. The population at the last census was 5,752, estimated to the middle of 1915 by the Local Government Board, 5,269. The statistics of the Leominster Union show that during the year the total indoor poor equalled 1 in 159 and the outdoor 1 in 59 of the Union population, while the amount of out-relief given equalled 1s. 2d. per head calculated on the same basis.

*Births.*—There were 123 births giving an average of 23.3 per thousand inhabitants. There were 8 illegitimate births or 1.5 per thousand of the estimated population.

*Deaths.*—There were 80 deaths of residents during the year, giving an average of 15.1 per thousand per annum of estimated population. There were 7 deaths in Institutions, Workhouse and Cottage Hospital, 4 belonging to the Rural District. There were 6 uncertified deaths or 1 per thousand of population. One death only was certified by the Coroner.

*Infant Mortality.*—There were 16 deaths of children under 1 year, or 130 per thousand births. There was 1 death from influenza, 1 from meningitis, 2 bronchitis, 4 pneumonia, 1 diarrhoea, 2 congenital debility, 1 violent death, 4 other defined diseases. There were no deaths among illegitimate children and no death under a year from any zymotic disease.

*Phthisis.*—There were 8 deaths from this disease, 5 women and 3 girls under 17, giving an average of 1.5 per thousand estimated population.

*Cancer.*—There were 4 deaths from this disease, or .7 per thousand.

*House Accommodation.*—Two houses have been built during the year. More are needed but nothing can be done until the war is over.

*Action taken under the Housing Acts of 1890 to 1909.*—There has been no meeting of the Housing Committee and no action has been taken during the year.

*Sewage and Drainage.*—The Borough is drained by the town sewers, almost all houses being connected with them. The Outparish uses earth closets and privies. House refuse in the Borough is collected twice a week by the town carts. The sewage of the Borough is discharged into the river Arrow.



*Water Supply.*—The water used by the the town is pumped from a deep well near the station to reservoirs on high ground above the town. It is plentiful in quantity and of excellent quality. The Outparish is supplied by wells and springs which are good and sufficient.

*Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops.*—There are 18 on the Register. All are regularly visited and kept in good order. The Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Orders are in force in the district and handbills are delivered to all registered persons and are also published in the district.

*Slaughterhouses.*—There are 8, regulated by the town byelaws. They are kept clean and in good condition, have good drainage and water supply, and are frequently visited.

*Hop Pickers.*—As most of the yards have been thrown down, no byelaws have been made to deal with them.

*Common Lodging Houses.*—Nil.

*Offensive Trades,* practically nil.

*Bakehouses* 14. Are well looked after by your Inspector and are kept clean and in good order.

*Schools.*—There are 3 in the Borough, all connected with the town water supply and sewage, and 1 in the Outparish which has a proper system of sewage of its own. Three of the schools were closed in December in consequence of whooping cough by order of the County Medical Officer of Health and were properly disinfected before re-opening.

*Isolation Hospital.*—At Ebnal, in the Outparish. Built for smallpox only. Would be used for scarlatina if it became necessary.

*Acts and Byelaws adopted in the District.*—Borough byelaws only.

A summary of the work done by the Borough Surveyor is as under.

1. NOTICES SERVED	...	...	...	...	5
2. NOTICES COMPLIED WITH	...	...	...	4	
3. NOTICES OUTSTANDING	...	...	...	1	
4. LETTERS WRITTEN	..	...	...	...	36
5. COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED	...	...	...	15	
6. NUISANCES ABATED	...	...	...	27	
7. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS TAKEN	...	...	...	None	
8. INFECTIOUS DISEASES :—					
Enquiries	...	...	...	...	46
Removals to Hospital	...	...	...	None	
Premises disinfected	...	...	...	39	
Bedding, Clothing, &c., disinfected	...	...	...	6	
Schools disinfected	...	...	...	2	



9. HOUSES :—

Inspected	...	...	...	...	55
Closed as unfit for habitation	...	...	...	None	
Made fit for habitation	...	...	...	6	
Houses demolished (partly or entirely)	...	...	...	...	None
Houses erected	...	...	...	...	2
Houses cleansed and repaired	...	...	...	7	
Overcrowding abated	...	...	...	None	

10. WATER SUPPLY :—

Wells sunk	...	...	...	...	None
Wells deepened, repaired, or cleansed	...	...	...	3	
Wells closed	...	...	...	...	None
Samples analysed	...	...	...	8	
Water certificates granted	...	...	...	None	
Connected to main supply	...	...	...	5	

11. HOUSE DRAINS :—

Laid, relaid, cleansed, trapped	...	26		
Spouting, waste p'pes, sinks, &c., rectified	...	...	...	32

12. WATER CLOSETS, URINALS, &c. :—

Provided	...	...	...	...	3
Improved and repaired	...	...	...	...	22

13. PRIVIES, ASHPITS :—

Provided	...	...	...	...	...	None
Repaired	...	...	...	...	...	None
Converted to w.c.'s	...	...	...	...	...	None
Converted to Pail Closets	...	...	...	...	...	None

14. SCAVENGING :—

Privies, Receptacles, &c., cleansed	...	42
Ashpits, Cesspits, &c., emptied	...	10

15. SLAUGHTER-HOUSES INSPECTED, &c. ... 40

16. DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS INSPECTED, &c. 10

17. LODGING-HOUSES INSPECTED, CLEANSED, &c. None in district.

18. WORKSHOPS AND BAKEHOUSES INSPECTED,  
CLEANSED, &c. ... ... ... ... 22  
Number of Inspections made ... ... 45

19. UNSOUND FOOD SEIZED ... ... ... 3

20. NUISANCES FROM ANIMALS IMPROPERLY  
KEPT AND ACCUMULATIONS OF MANURE  
REMOVED ... ... ... ... ... 18

21. MISCELLANEOUS NUISANCES ABATED ... 16

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The following are the Local Government Board tables :—

TABLE I.

VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE DISTRICT DURING 1915 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Year.	Popula- tion esti- mated to Middle of each Year.	BIRTHS.			TOTAL DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT.		TRANSFERABLE DEATHS.		NETT DEATHS BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.					
		Un- corrected Number.		Nett.	Number.	Rate.	Number.	Rate.	of Non- residents registered in the District.	of Resi- dents not registered in the District.	Under 1 Year of Age.		At all Ages.	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Number.	Rate.
1910	6283	133	133	21	92	14.0	6	1	13	97.7	86	13.6		
1911	5752	152	152	26.2	91	15.8	9	4	11	72.3	86	14.9		
1912	5809	123	123	21.1	76	13	10	5	11	89.4	72	12.3		
1913	5717	127	127	21.6	56	9.7	7	3	11	88	52	9		
1914	5708	122	122	21.3	91	15.9	10	3	14	114.7	84	14.7		
1915	5269	123	123	23.3	81	15.3	4	3	16	149.5	80	15.1		

Total Population at Census, 1911 ... ... ... ... **5,737.**

Total Families or Separate Occupiers ... ... ... ... **1,353.**

Area of District in acres (land and inland water) ... ... **8,086.**

TABLE II.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1915.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	At all Ages.	NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED.							
		At Ages—Years.							
		Under 1	1 and under 5 years.	5 and under 15 years.	15 and under 25 years.	25 and under 45 years.	45 and under 65 years.	65 and upwards.	
Diphtheria (including Membranous croup)...	15		4	5	3	3	—	—	
Erysipelas ...	4	—	—	—	1	1	3	—	
Scarlet Fever ...	20	7	11	1	1	1	—	—	
Enteric Fever ...	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	
Puerperal Fever ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	17	—	4	6	4	2	1		
Other forms of Tuberculosis...	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	
<b>TOTALS</b> ... ... ...	<b>61</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	



TABLE III.  
CAUSES OF AND AGES AT DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1915.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	NETT DEATHS AT THE SUBJOINED AGES OF "RESIDENTS" WHETHER OCCURRING WITHIN OR WITHOUT THE DISTRICT.										TOTAL DEATHS WHETHER OF "RESIDENTS" OR "NON- RESIDENTS" IN INSTITUTIONS IN THE DISTRICT
	All Ages.		Under 1 year.	1 and under 2 years.	2 and under 5 years.	5 and under 15 years.	15 and under 25 years.	25 and under 45 years.	45 and under 65 years.	65 and up- wards.	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
All Causes { Certified ..	74	13		3	4	3	5	8	10	28	7
Uncertified ..	6	3							1	2	
Scarlet Fever ...	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria and Croup ...	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Influenza ...	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	—
Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis) ...	8	—	—	—	2	5	1	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis Meningitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Tuberculous Diseases ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cancer, malignant dis- ease ...	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—
Meningitis ...	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Organic Heart Disease	18	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	14	4	—
Bronchitis ...	7	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	—	—
Pneumonia (all forms)	9	4	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Appendicitis and Typhilitis ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Nephritis and Bright's Disease ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other accidents and di- seases of Pregnancy and Parturition ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Congenital Debility and Malformation, includ- ing Premature Birth..	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Violent Deaths, exclud- ing Suicide ...	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Suicide ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Defined Diseases	14	4	—	—	—	—	1	5	4	3	—
Diseases ill-defined or unknown ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
<b>TOTALS ...</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>7</b>	

TABLE IV.  
INFANT MORTALITY.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Under 1 week.	1 to 2 weeks.	2 to 3 weeks.	3 to 4 weeks.	Total under 4 weeks.	4 weeks and under 3 months.	3 months and under 6 months.	6 months and under 9 months.	9 months and under 12 months.	Total Deaths under 1 year.
All Causes { Certified. Uncertified.	1	—	—	1	2	3	3	2	3	13
Uncertified.	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	3
Meningitis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Convulsions ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	2
Bronchitis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2
Pneumonia (all forms)	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	1	4
Diarrhoea ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Suffocation, overlying	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Congenital Malformations...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Premature Birth ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Atrophy, Debility and Marasmus ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Other Causes ...	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	—	1	3
<b>Totals ...</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>None.</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>

Nett Births in the year { legitimate 115.  
illegitimate 8.

Nett Deaths in the year { legitimate 16.  
illegitimate

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